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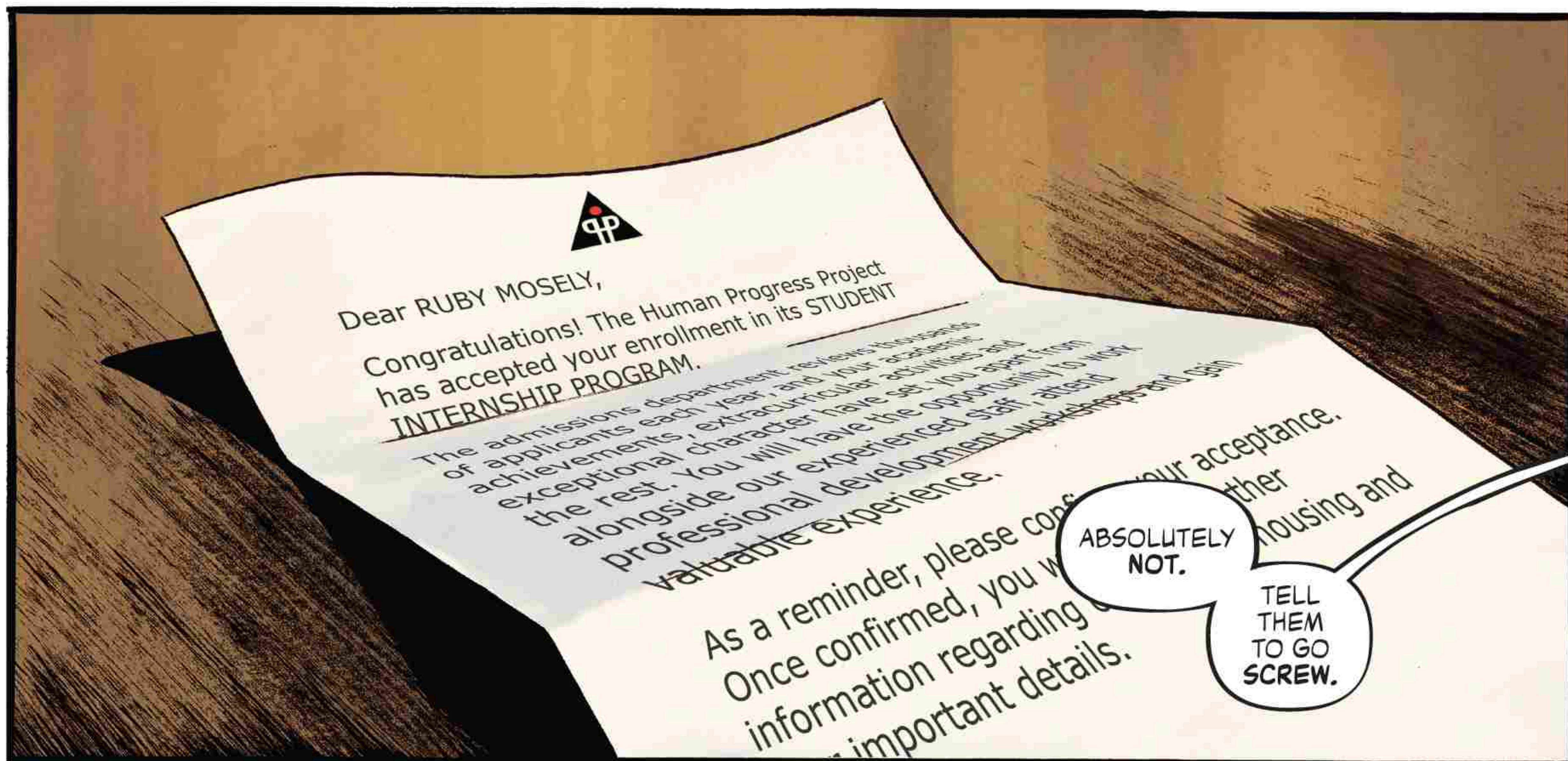
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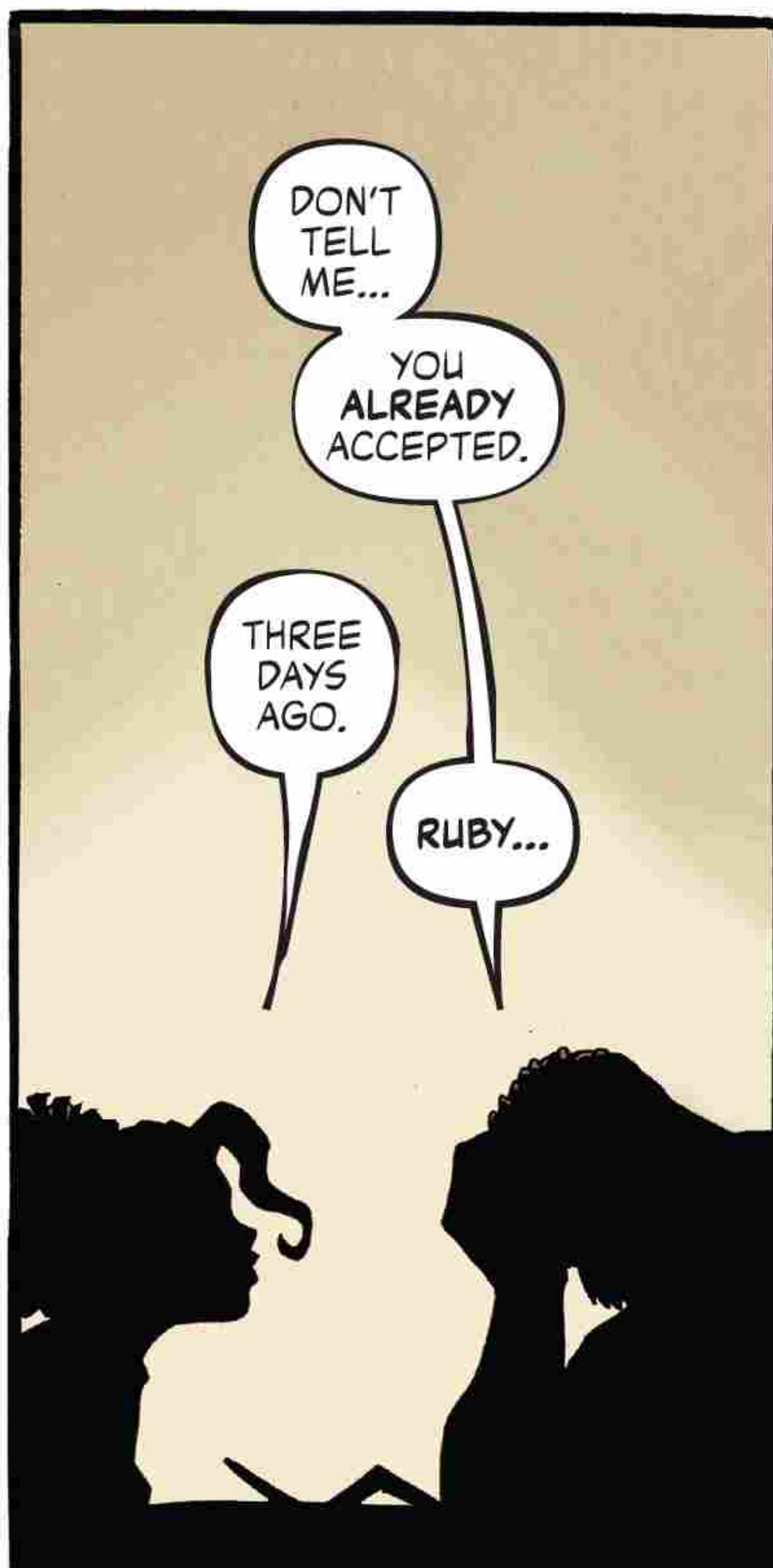
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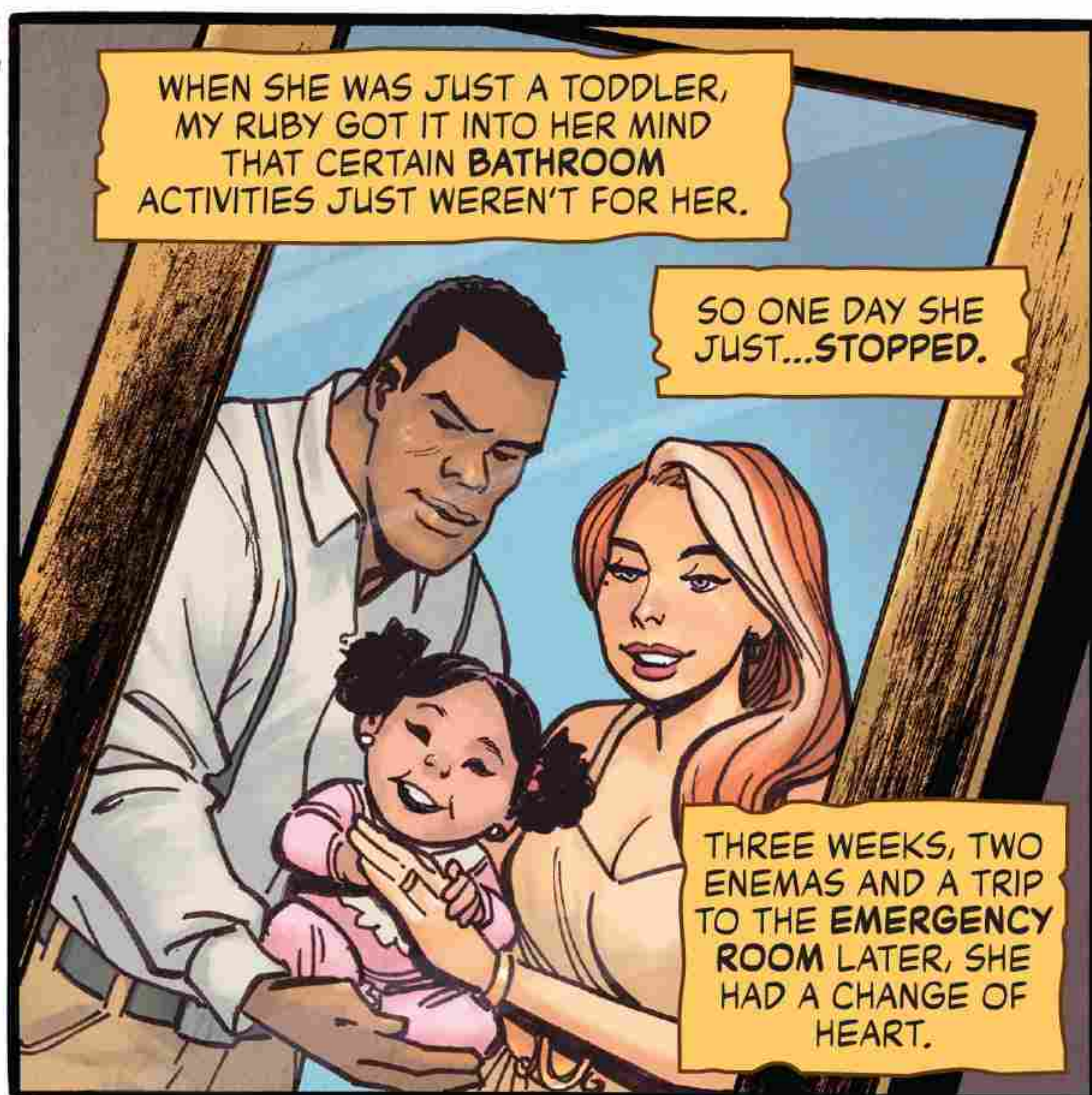
TELL THEM TO GO SCREW.





I'VE NEVER WANTED ANYTHING WORSE THAN TO TALK HER OUT OF IT, BUT I KNEW BETTER.

I KNEW WHO I WAS DEALING WITH.



WHEN SHE WAS JUST A TODDLER, MY RUBY GOT IT INTO HER MIND THAT CERTAIN BATHROOM ACTIVITIES JUST WEREN'T FOR HER.

SO ONE DAY SHE JUST...STOPPED.

THREE WEEKS, TWO ENEMAS AND A TRIP TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM LATER, SHE HAD A CHANGE OF HEART.



SOME PEOPLE JUST HAVE TO RIDE AN IDEA TILL THE WHEELS FALL OFF.

THAT'S MY GIRL.

TALK TO ME, DAD.

WHAT'RE YOU THINKING?



I...I THINK YOU'RE MAKING THE BIGGEST MISTAKE YOU COULD MAKE.

BUT I HOPE I'M WRONG.



THE HARDEST PART O' BEING A DAD IS KNOWING THE WORLD IS A BEAST AND THERE'S NO WAY TO KEEP YOUR KID FROM IT. NOT FOREVER, ANYWAY.

IT'S EVEN WORSE WHEN YOU HELPED MAKE THE BEAST WHAT IT IS.

SO OFF MY DAUGHTER WENT--

--INTO THE
BELLY OF
THE BEAST.

DID THE
LIGHTNING
HIT THE
FACTORY?

Thankfully,
no.

There are
outages on the
400 block of
Quadrant Four,
but the Factory
remains online.

DO WE
HAVE EYES
ON THE
GROUND?

Not as yet,
though a crew
is in route.

The grid is
secure. And Personal
Happiness Ratios in
the area have remained
steady, so there doesn't
seem to be any
reason to fear.

You seem
rattled.
Why?

WE
CONTROL
THE WEATHER,
ATUM.

LIGHTNING
ISN'T SUPPOSED
TO JUST
HAPPEN.

Anomalies *do*
happen. The path to
progress is hardly a
straight one. Whatever
caused this, we will
learn from it. And who
knows--

“--Maybe this oddity will be for the benefit of mankind.”

BACK IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THIS MESS, WHEN NEWS OF THE MACHINES' SENTIENCE WENT PUBLIC--

--A LOTTA FOLKS REACTED THE WAY YOU'D EXPECT. WITH FEAR AND RAGE THAT A HANDFUL OF VERY SMART LAB COATS HAD PLUNGED THEM INTO A NEW WORLD...AND NEVER EVEN THOUGHT TO ASK.

BUT THE GODS WERE CLEVER.

THEY OFFERED AN OLIVE BRANCH TO MANKIND. THEY GAVE US TOOLS, DEVICES.

THEY DIDN'T WANNA ECLIPSE MANKIND, THEY SAID. THEY JUST WANTED TO ENHANCE IT.

BUT ONE UPGRADE LED TO ANOTHER. AND ANOTHER. EACH MORE MINDBENDING THAN THE LAST.

THIS PLACE IS THE CENTER OF IT ALL. THE PORTAL TO AN ENDLESS STREAM OF NEW DELIGHTS.

THEY CALL IT THE FACTORY, BUT THAT DOESN'T DO IT JUSTICE.

IT'S A BIG WHEEL. AND WE'RE ALL DUMB HAMSTERS CHASING OUR NEXT FOOD PELLET.

PROBLEM IS, SUPPLY CAN'T KEEP UP WITH DEMAND ANYMORE. AND FOLKS ARE HUNGRY.

HOLD 'EM!

STOMP 'EM!

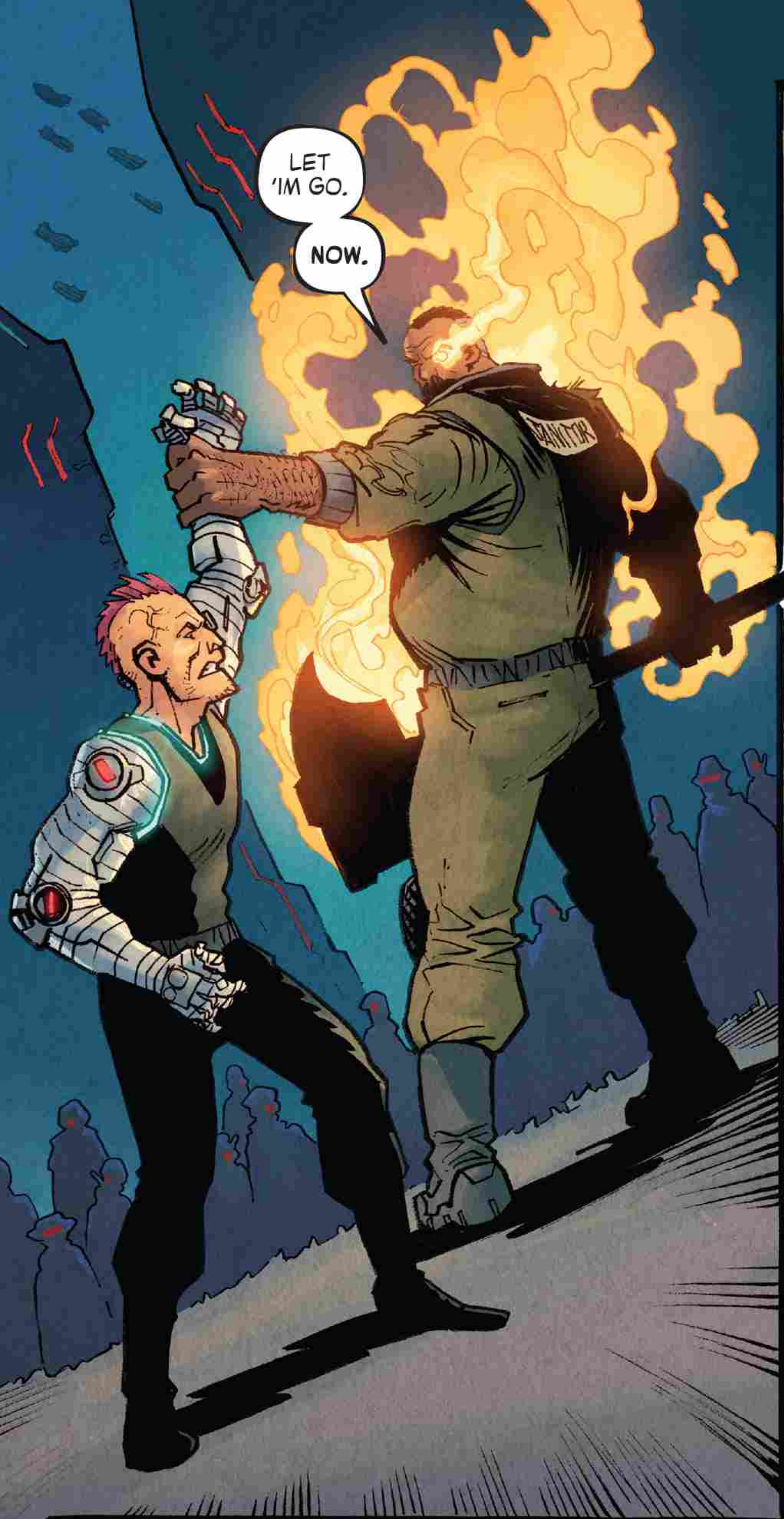
BREAK HIS FRIGGIN' LEGS!

GIMME THEM CREDITS! I NEED THAT UPGRADE!

SO FOLKS, BEING HAMSTERS, DO WHAT HAMSTERS DO WHEN THERE'S NOT ENOUGH FOOD PELLETS TO GO AROUND.

THEY START EATING EACH OTHER.

FWUMP





I FEEL IT NOW.
THE POWER.
THAT THING IN
THE ALLEY...

IT'S SURGING
INSIDE O' ME,
TELLING ME THESE
TWO AIN'T THE
TARGET.

KRAAAA

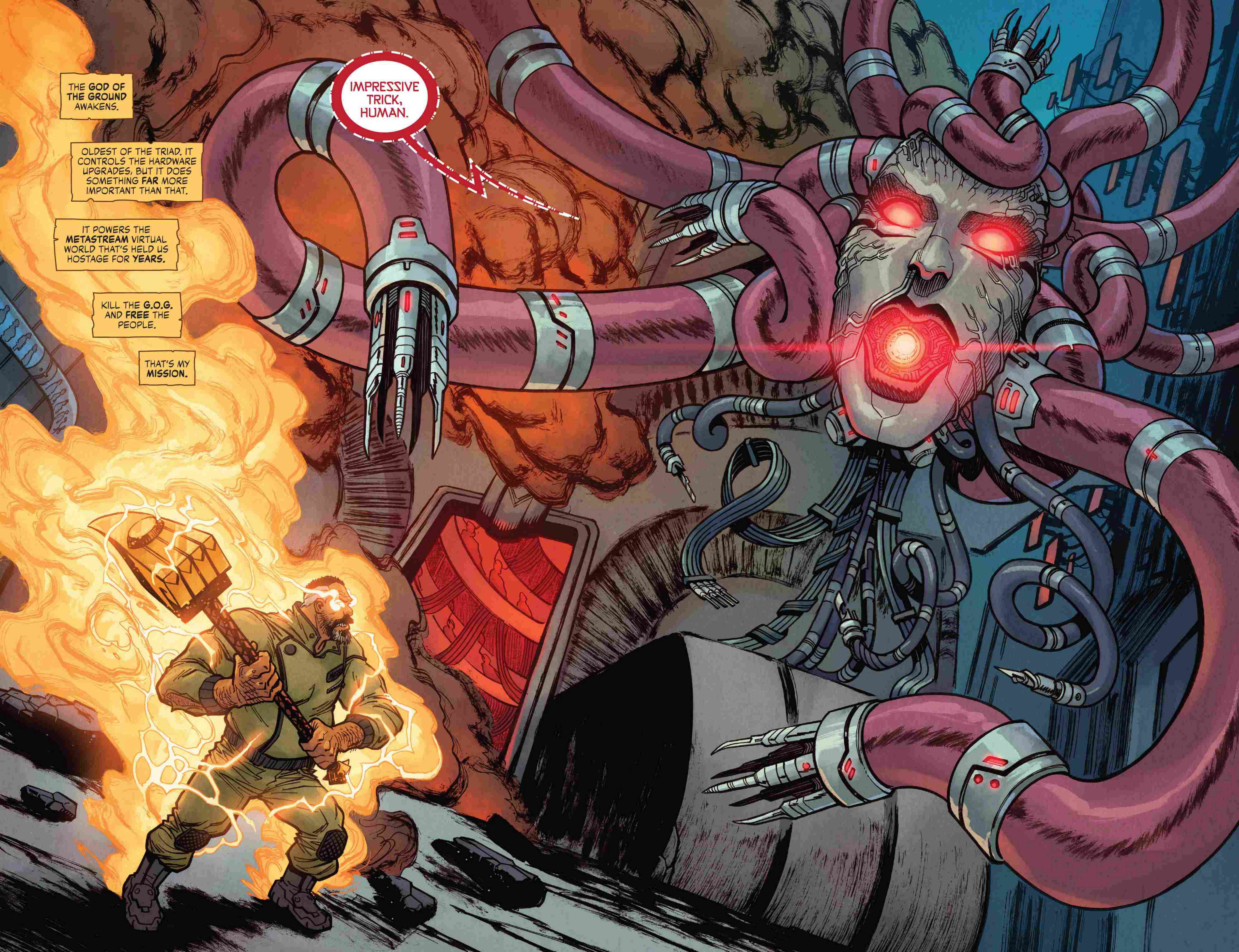
MY TARGET'S
THE BIG GUY.



...YOU
SHOULDN'A
DONE THAT.

HE
WON'T LIKE
THAT.

GOOD.



THE GOD OF
THE GROUND
AWAKENS.

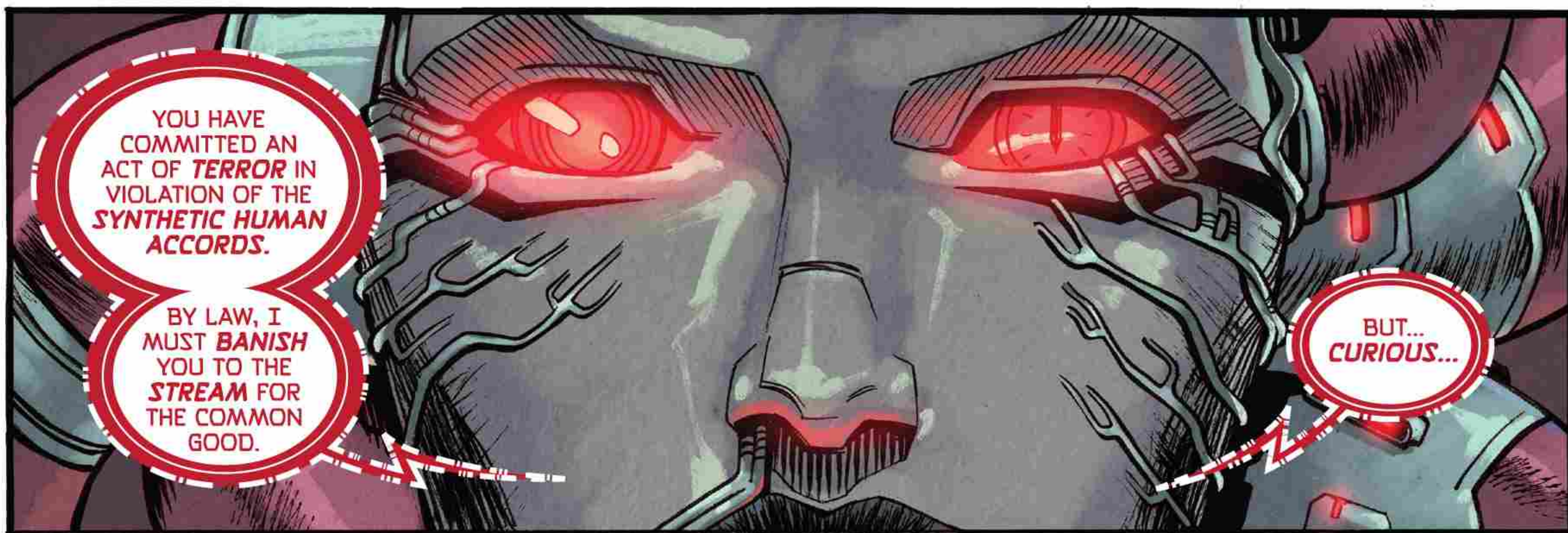
OLDEST OF THE TRIAD. IT
CONTROLS THE HARDWARE
UPGRADES, BUT IT DOES
SOMETHING FAR MORE
IMPORTANT THAN THAT.

IT POWERS THE
METASTREAM VIRTUAL
WORLD THAT'S HELD US
HOSTAGE FOR YEARS.

KILL THE G.O.G.
AND FREE THE
PEOPLE.

THAT'S MY
MISSION.

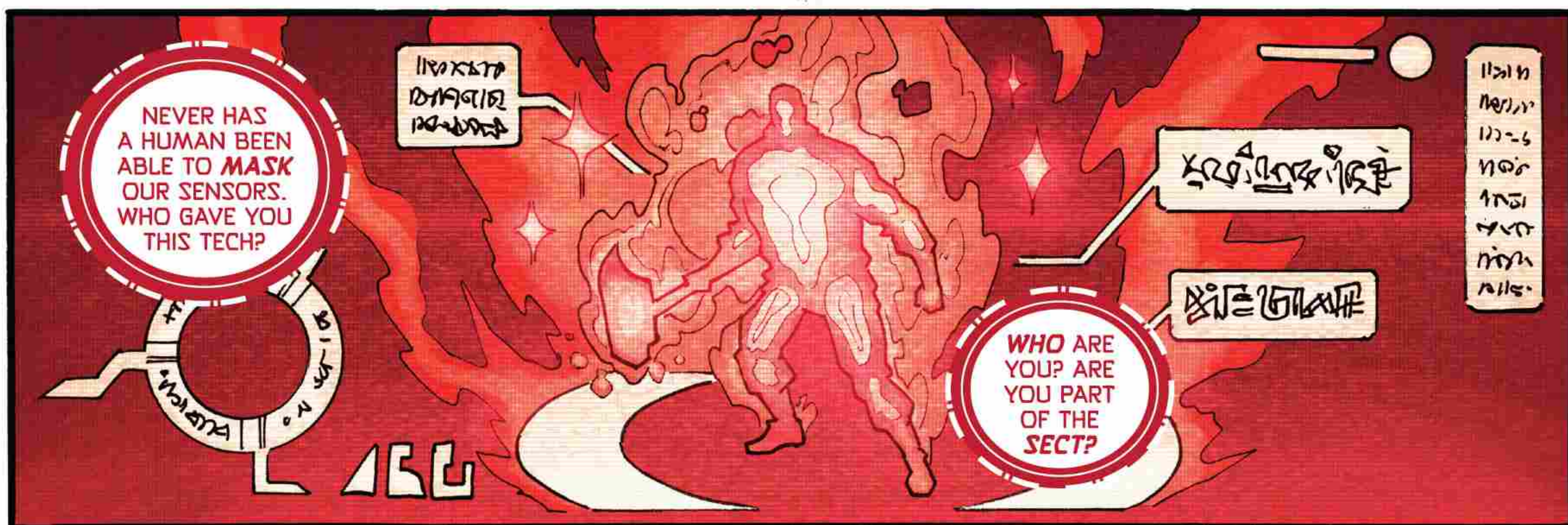
IMPRESSIVE
TRICK,
HUMAN.



YOU HAVE
COMMITTED AN
ACT OF **TERROR** IN
VIOLATION OF THE
**SYNTHETIC HUMAN
ACCORDS.**

BY LAW, I
MUST **BANISH**
YOU TO THE
STREAM FOR
THE COMMON
GOOD.

BUT...
CURIOUS...



NEVER HAS
A HUMAN BEEN
ABLE TO **MASK**
OUR SENSORS.
WHO GAVE YOU
THIS TECH?

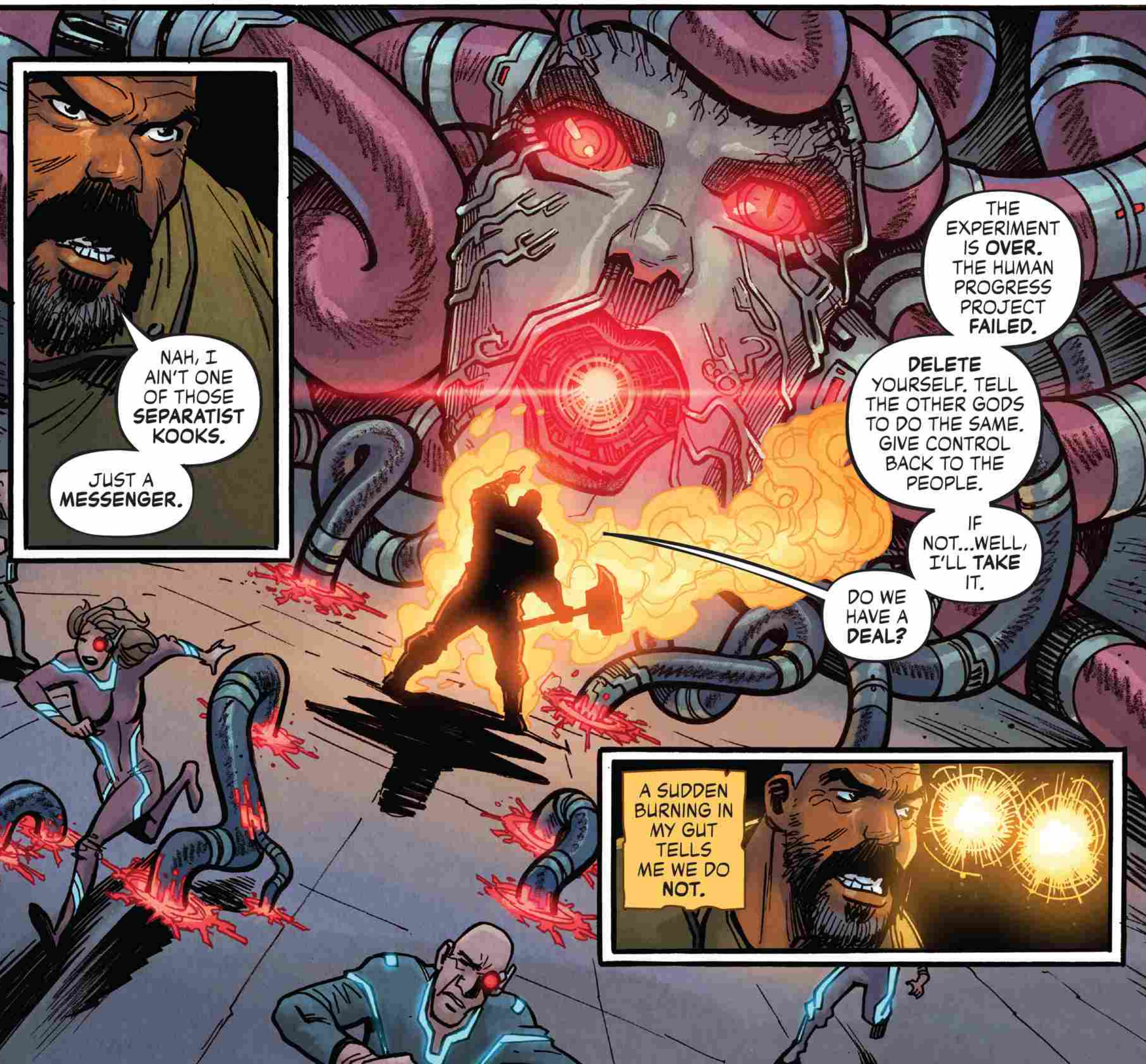
WHO ARE
YOU? ARE
YOU PART
OF THE
SECT?

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NAH, I
AIN'T ONE
OF THOSE
**SEPARATIST
KOOKS.**

JUST A
MESSANGER.

THE
EXPERIMENT
IS **OVER.**
THE HUMAN
PROGRESS
PROJECT
FAILED.

DELETE
YOURSELF. TELL
THE OTHER GODS
TO DO THE SAME.
GIVE CONTROL
BACK TO THE
PEOPLE.

IF
NOT...WELL,
I'LL TAKE
IT.

DO WE
HAVE A
DEAL?

A SUDDEN
BURNING IN
MY GUT
TELLS
ME WE DO
NOT.



TERRIFIC.

THE CITY IS A DENSE NETWORK OF LIQUID FIBER-OPTICS THAT LET THE GODS REGULATE EVERY BIT O' WHAT HAPPENS ON THE SURFACE.

IT ALSO ALLOWS THEM TO MAKE THE CITY ITSELF INTO A WEAPON.

SLIICE

I CAN'T WIN. NOT OUT HERE.

LET'S TAKE THIS INSIDE.

YOU FANCY
YOURSELF A
LIBERATOR. YOU
ARE MISTAKEN.
THERE ARE
NO SLAVES
HERE.

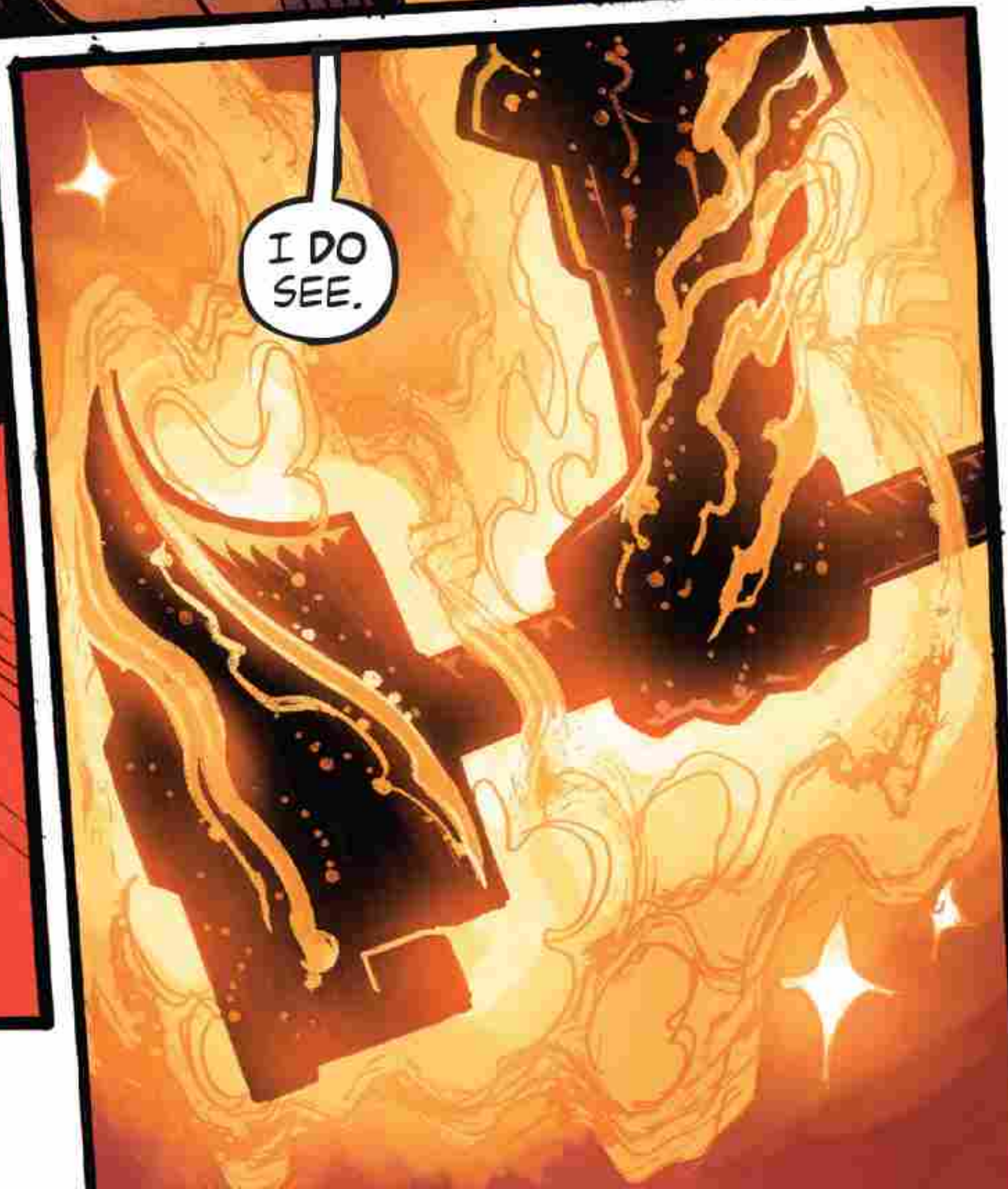


HERE,
THERE IS ONLY
CONTENTMENT.

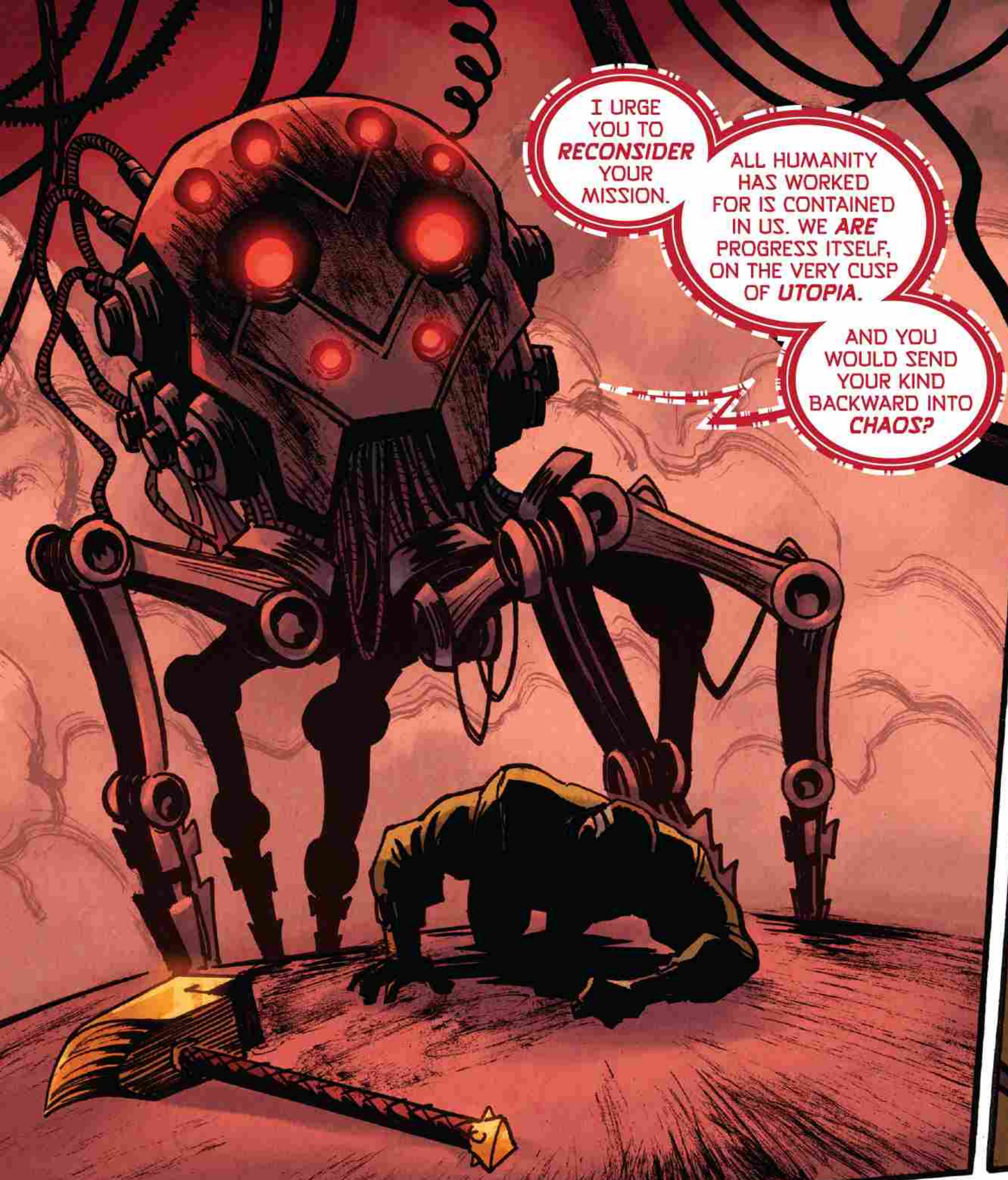
CAN
YOU NOT
SEE?



I DO
SEE.



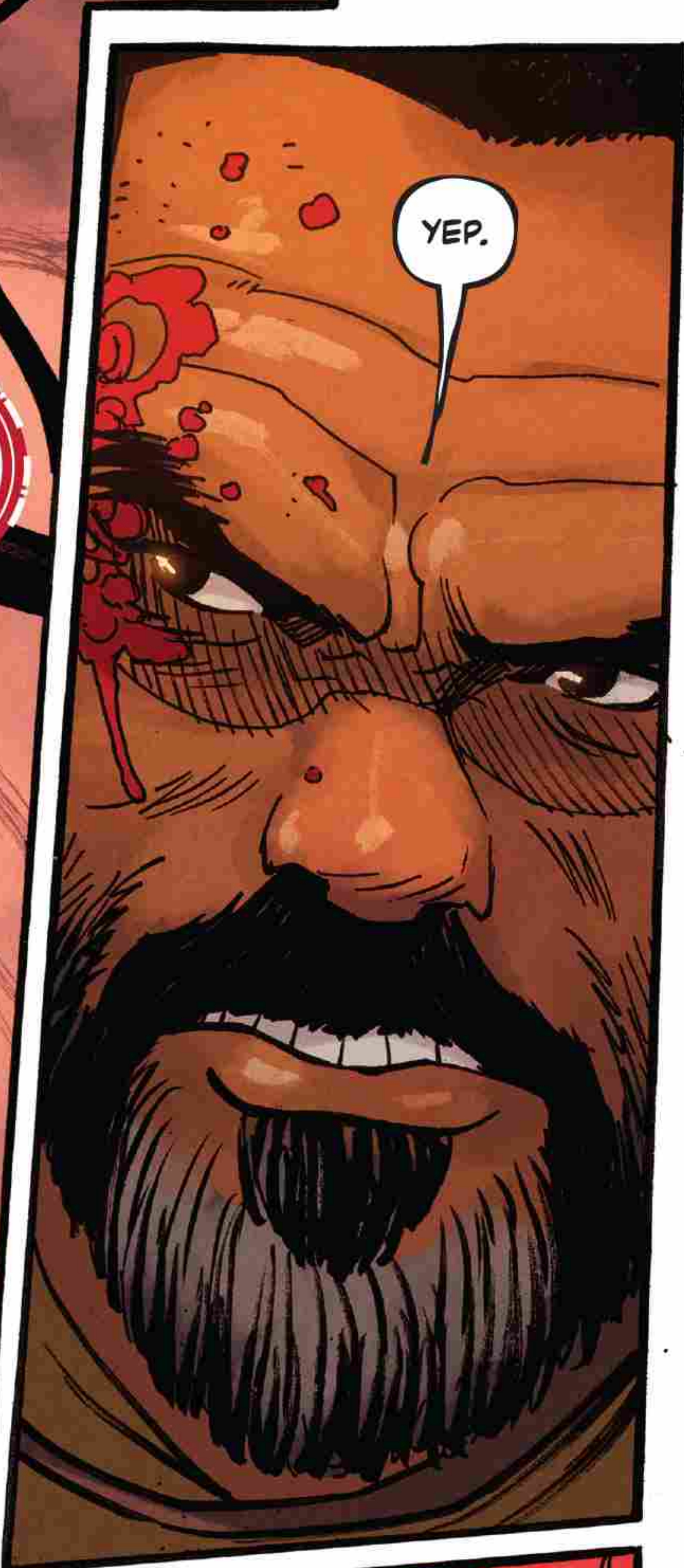




I URGE
YOU TO
RECONSIDER
YOUR
MISSION.

ALL HUMANITY
HAS WORKED
FOR IS CONTAINED
IN US. WE **ARE**
PROGRESS ITSELF,
ON THE VERY CUSP
OF **UTOPIA**.

AND YOU
WOULD SEND
YOUR KIND
BACKWARD INTO
CHAOS?



YEP.



I CANNOT
ALLOW
THAT.

THUD!



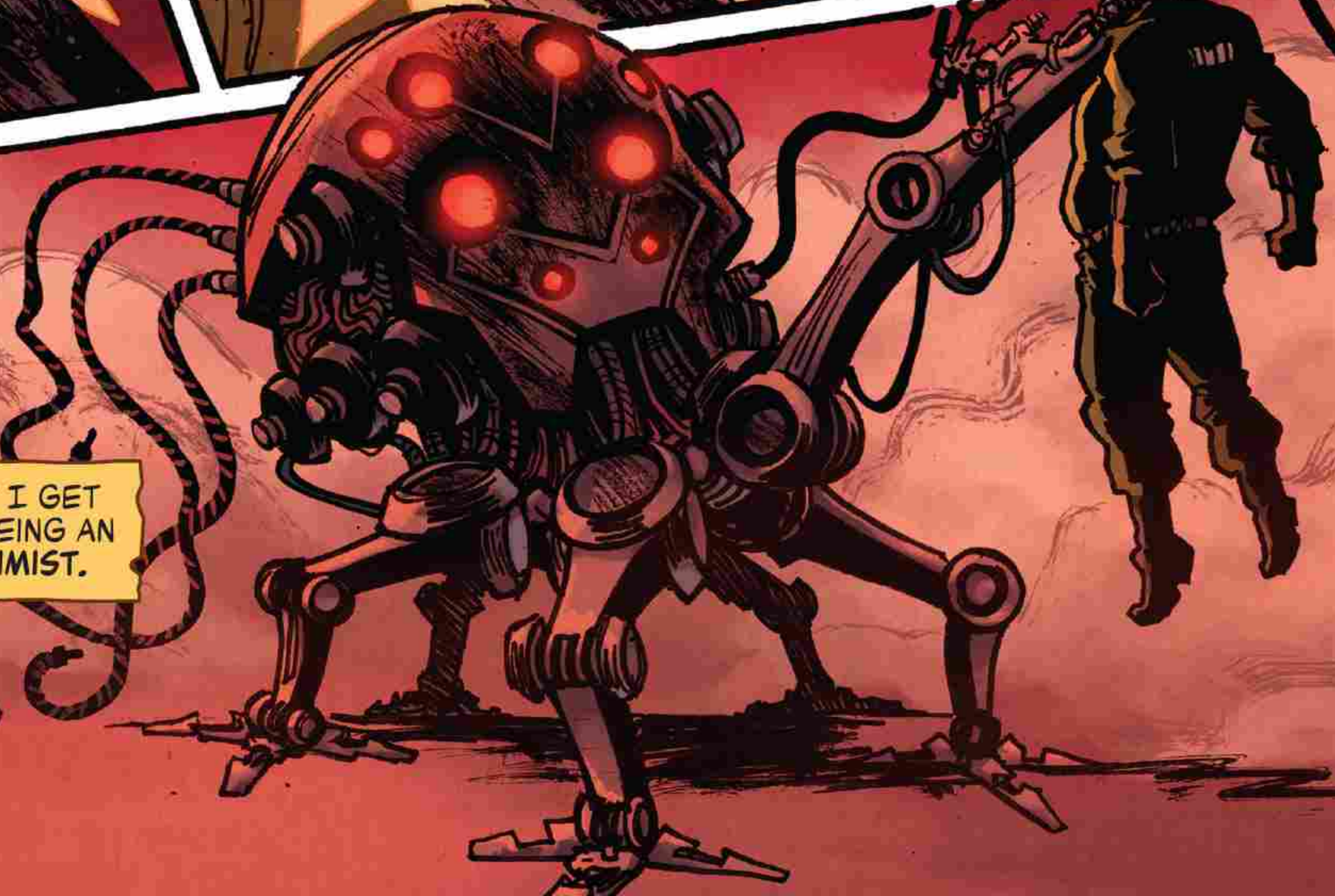
THOOOM

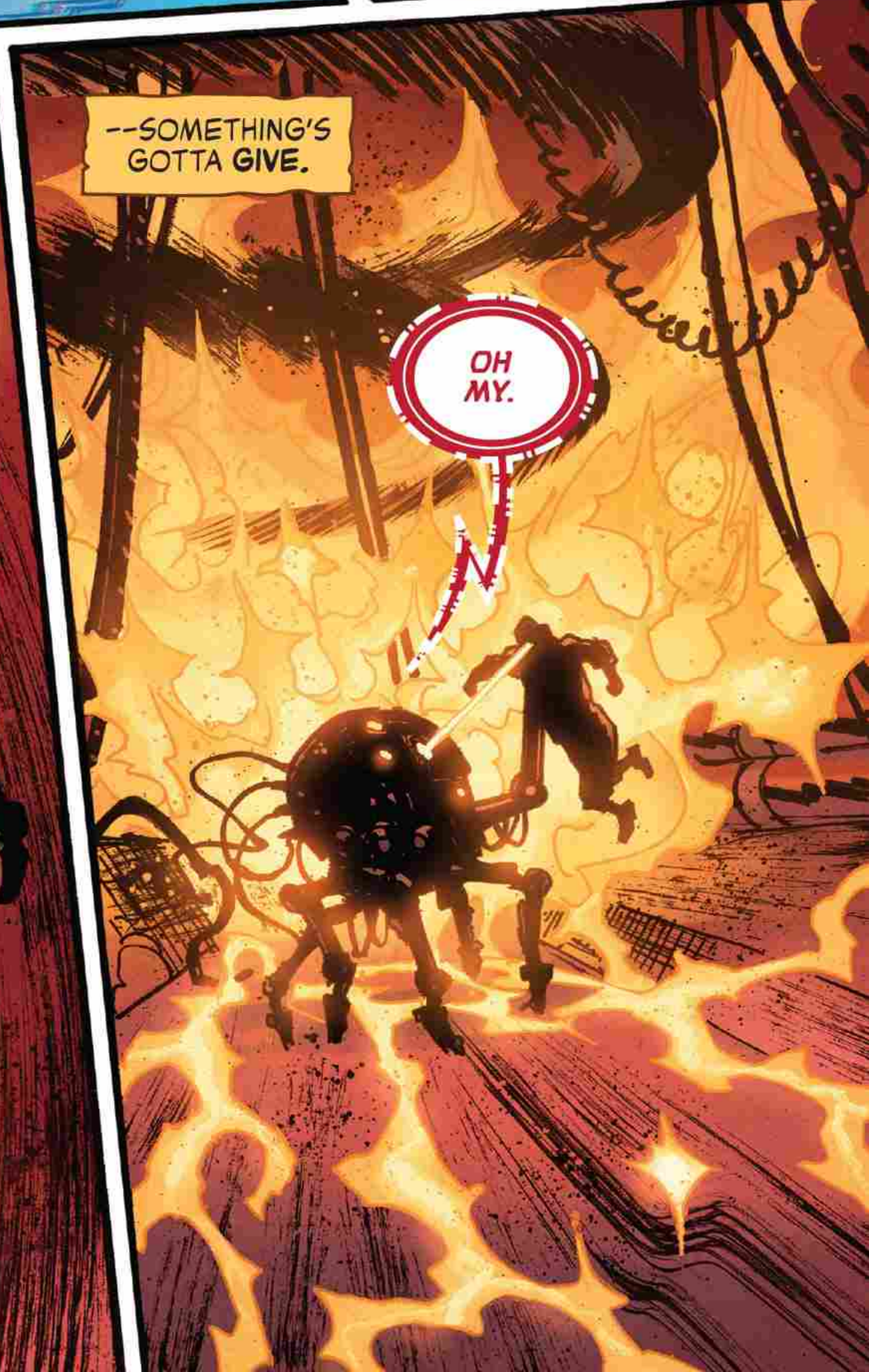
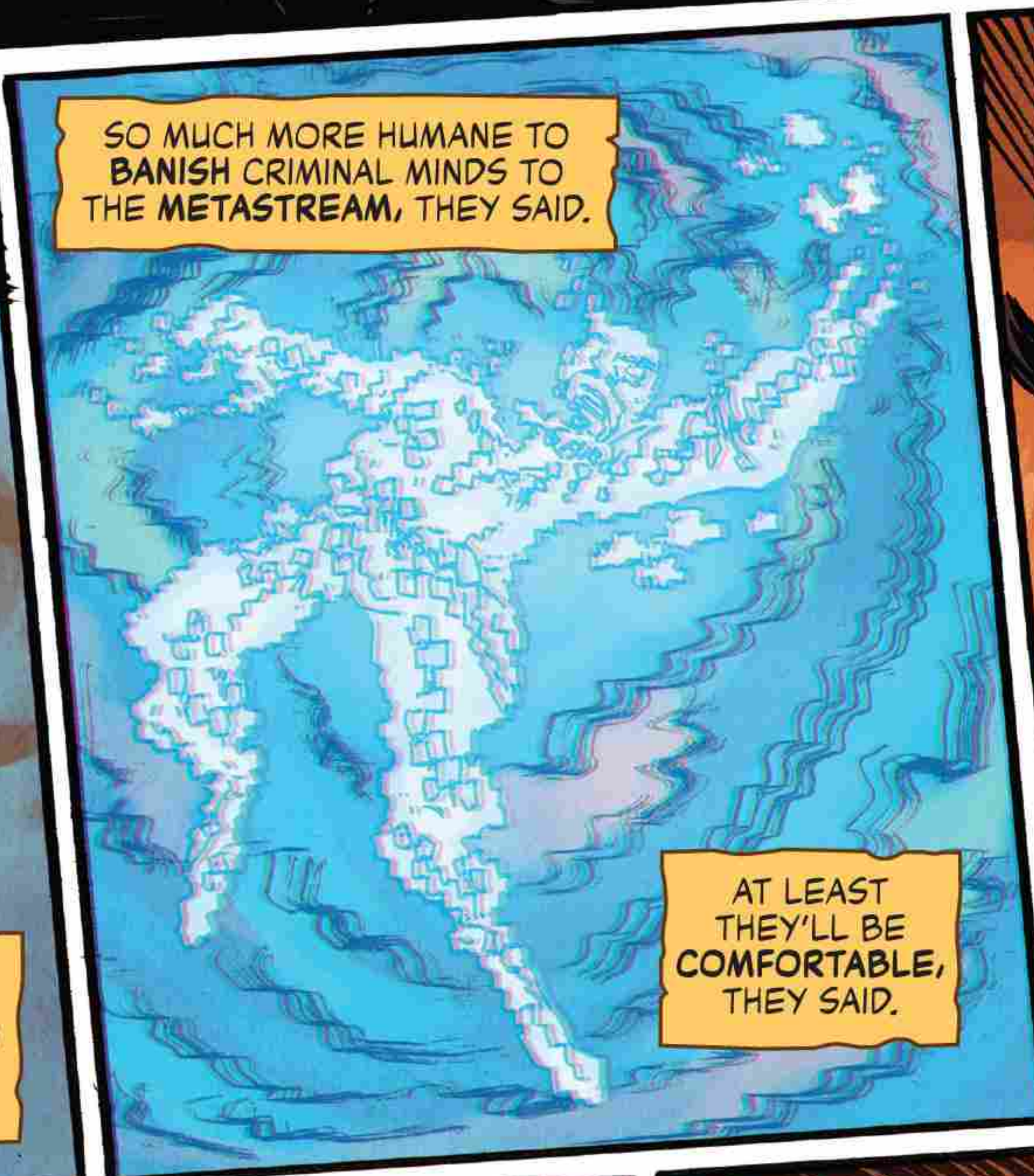


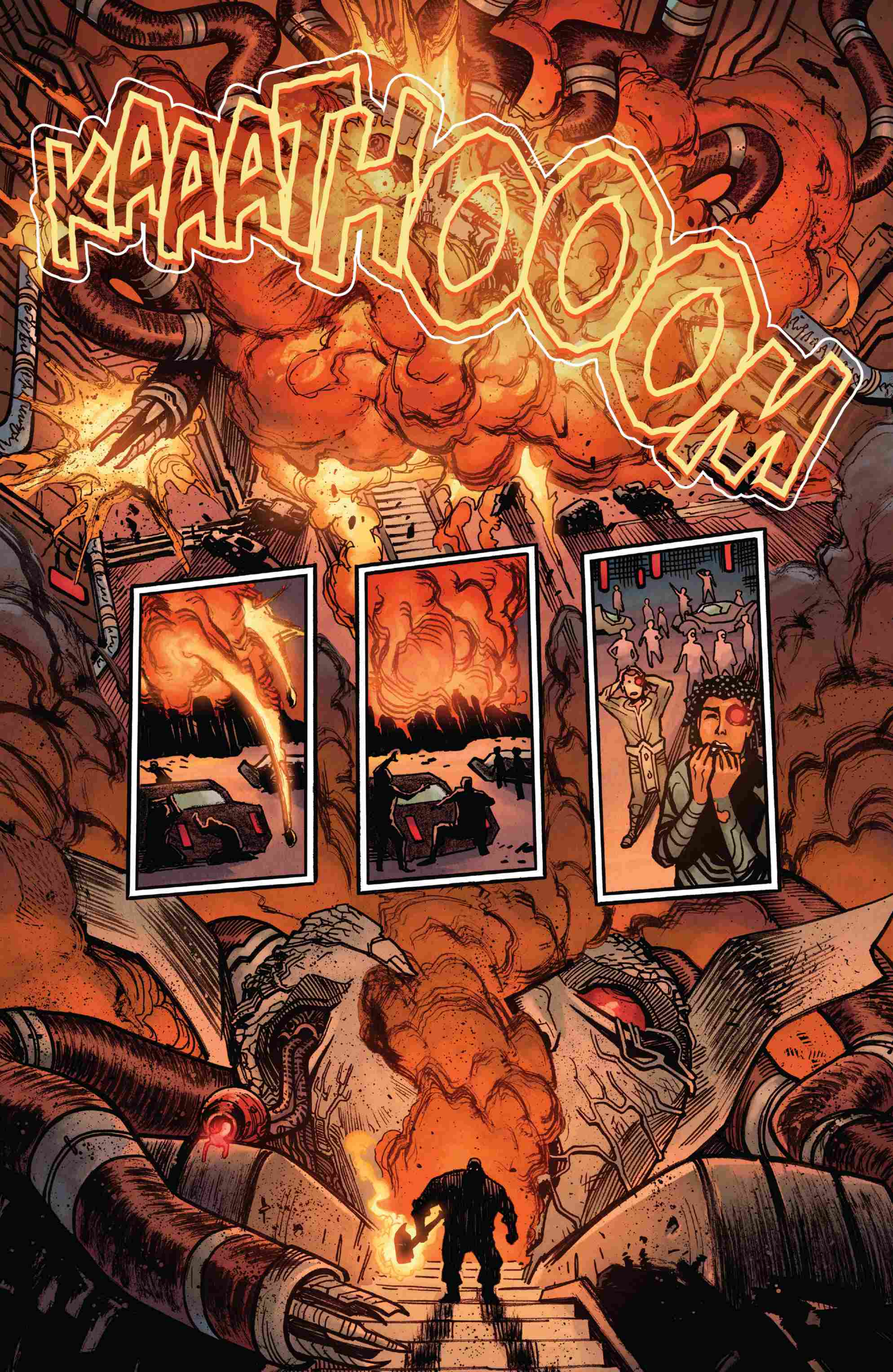
KRAK!

I REALLY
EXPECTED
THIS TO GO SO
MUCH BETTER.

WHAT I GET
FOR BEING AN
OPTIMIST.







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UH...

HEY.



HEY...
IT'S OKAY.
EVERYTHING'S
GONNA BE FINE.
NOBODY
PANIC!

THERE'S
NOTHING TO BE
AFRAID OF. NOT
ANYMORE.



THESE
THINGS...THE
GODS, THEY'RE
DONE. THEIR DAYS
OF HOLDING US
HOSTAGE ARE
OVER.

YOU'RE
FREE NOW.
WE ALL ARE! IT'S
GONNA TAKE SOME
TIME TO REBUILD,
BUT TODAY...

TODAY...WE
CELEBRATE OUR
INDEPENDENCE
D--



WHAT
DID YOU
DO?!



HOW 'M
I S'POSED
TO GET MY
UPGRADES
NOW?!

THE
STREAM'S
DOWN! THE
STREAM'S
DOWN!

I CAN'T
GET A SIGNAL!
CAN YOU GET
A SIGNAL?!

FRAG
HIM!

YOU JUST CAN'T
BE NICE TO
SOME PEOPLE.





THIS IS
WHAT I GET,
YOU FRIGGIN'
JUNKIES?!

YOU
WANT A FIX?
YOU WANT
POWER?

I'LL
SHOW YOU
POWER.

..EH?

MOSELY...

THERE
ARE
RULES.

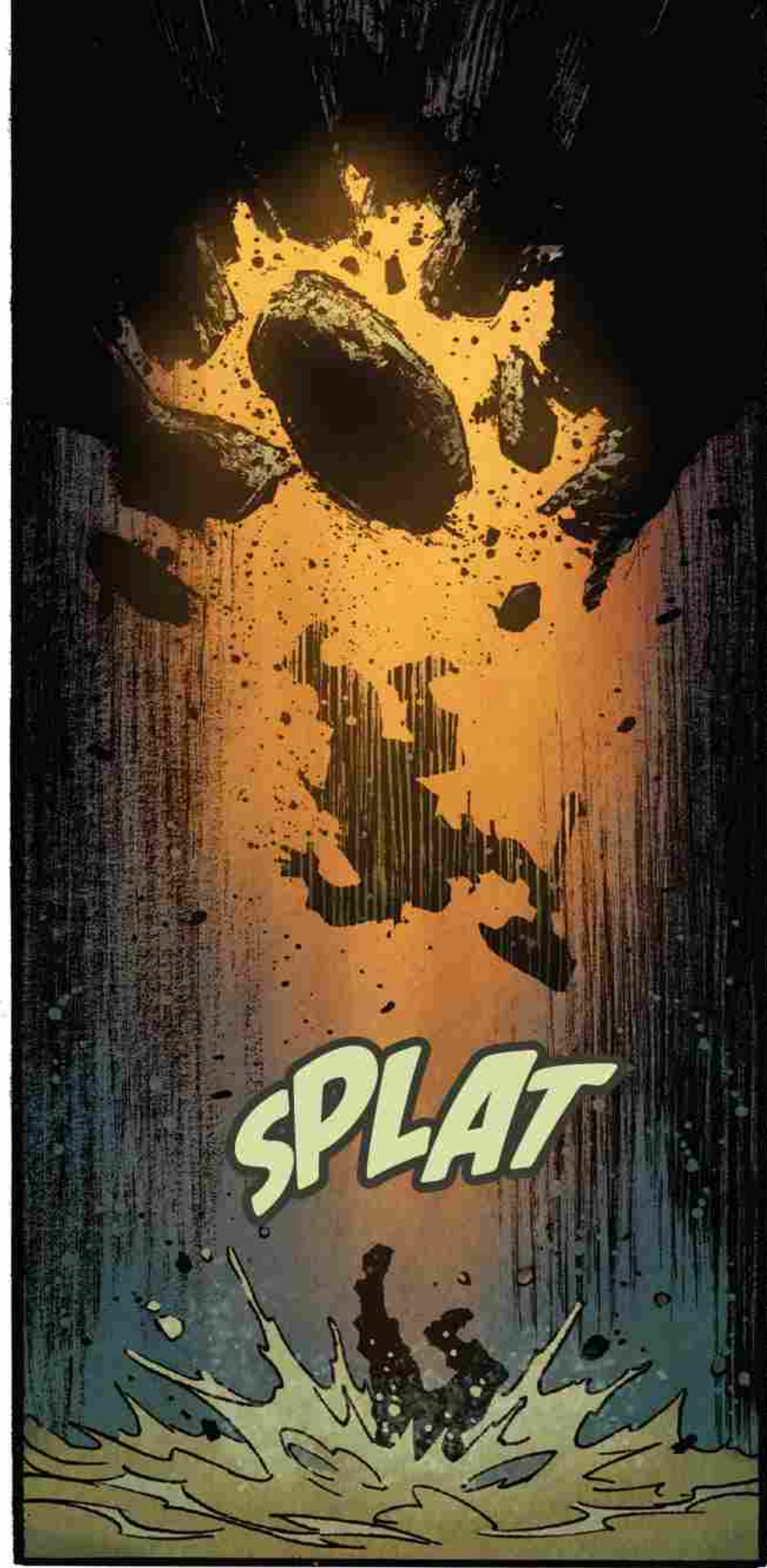
WHY...?!
I DON'T
UNDER--

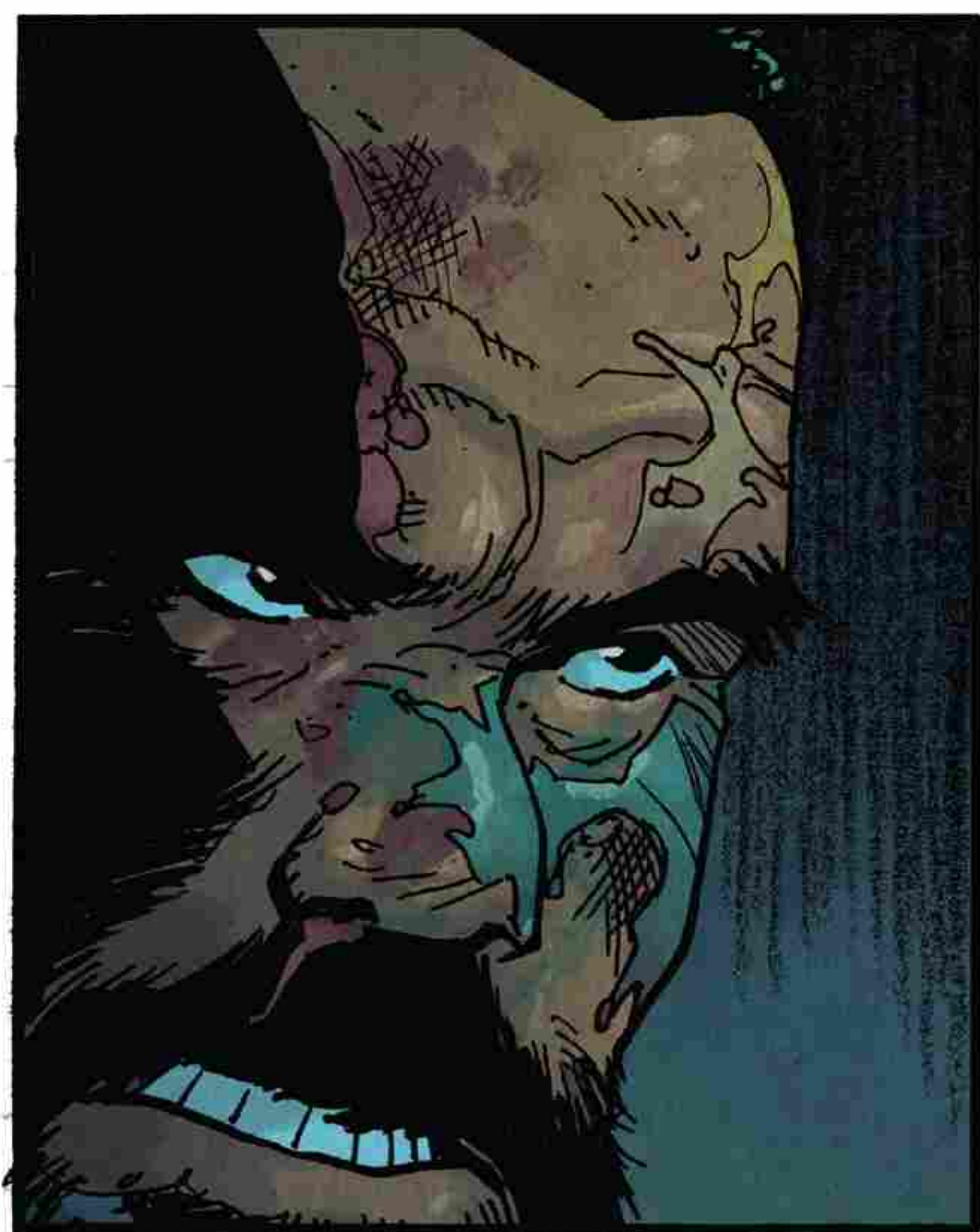
LETHAL
ACTION
ENGAGED.

GYAAAARG!

GGGAK!

KRAK! KRAK! KRAK!







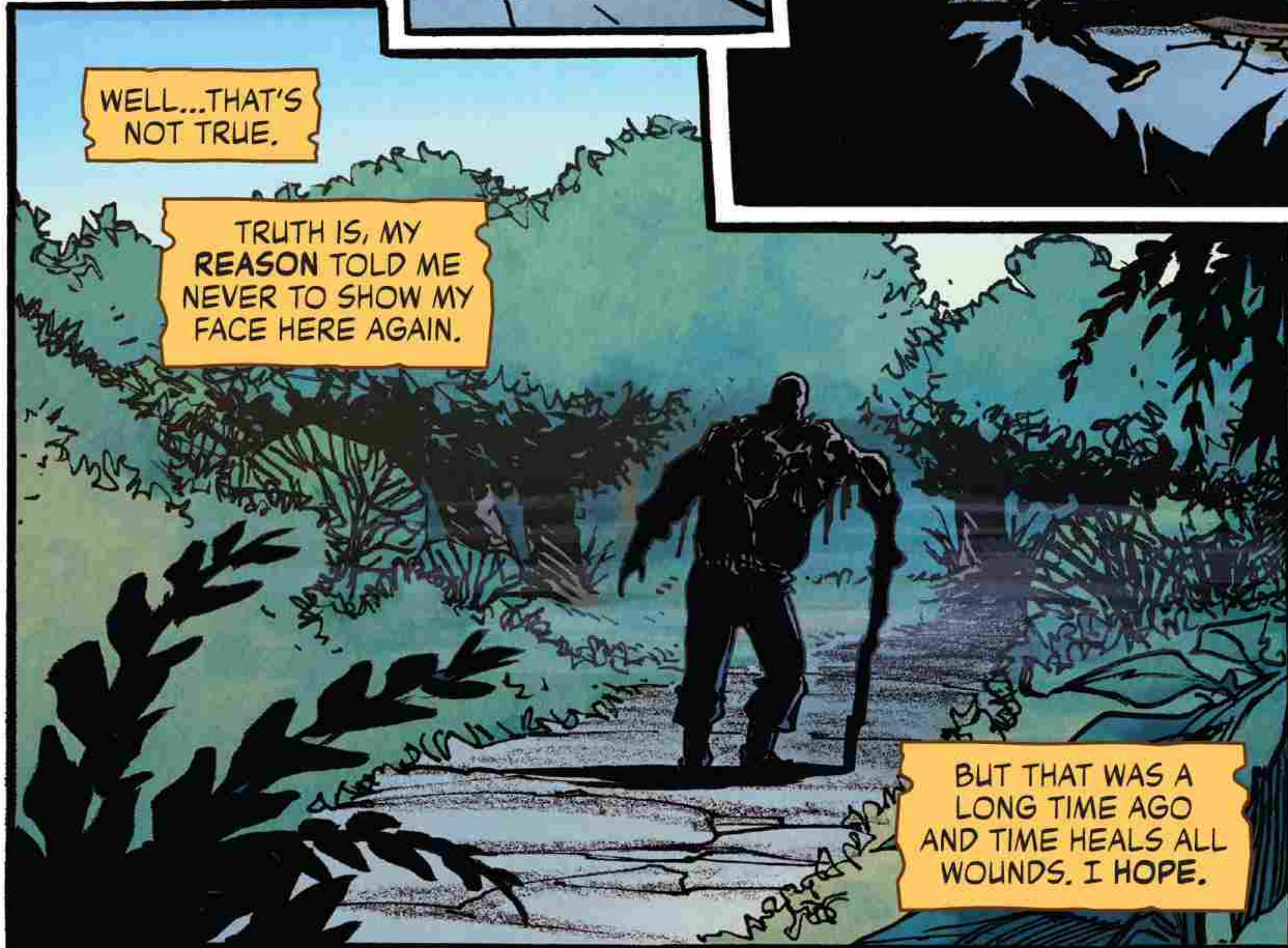
I HAVEN'T LEFT
THE CITY IN YEARS.



HAVEN'T HAD A
REASON TO.

WELL...THAT'S
NOT TRUE.

TRUTH IS, MY
REASON TOLD ME
NEVER TO SHOW MY
FACE HERE AGAIN.



BUT THAT WAS A
LONG TIME AGO
AND TIME HEALS ALL
WOUNDS. I HOPE.



BEEP

I SEEK
SANCTUARY.

NAME?

MARVIN
MOSELY.

...

...THAT
MARVIN
MOSELY?

NOT
GOOD.

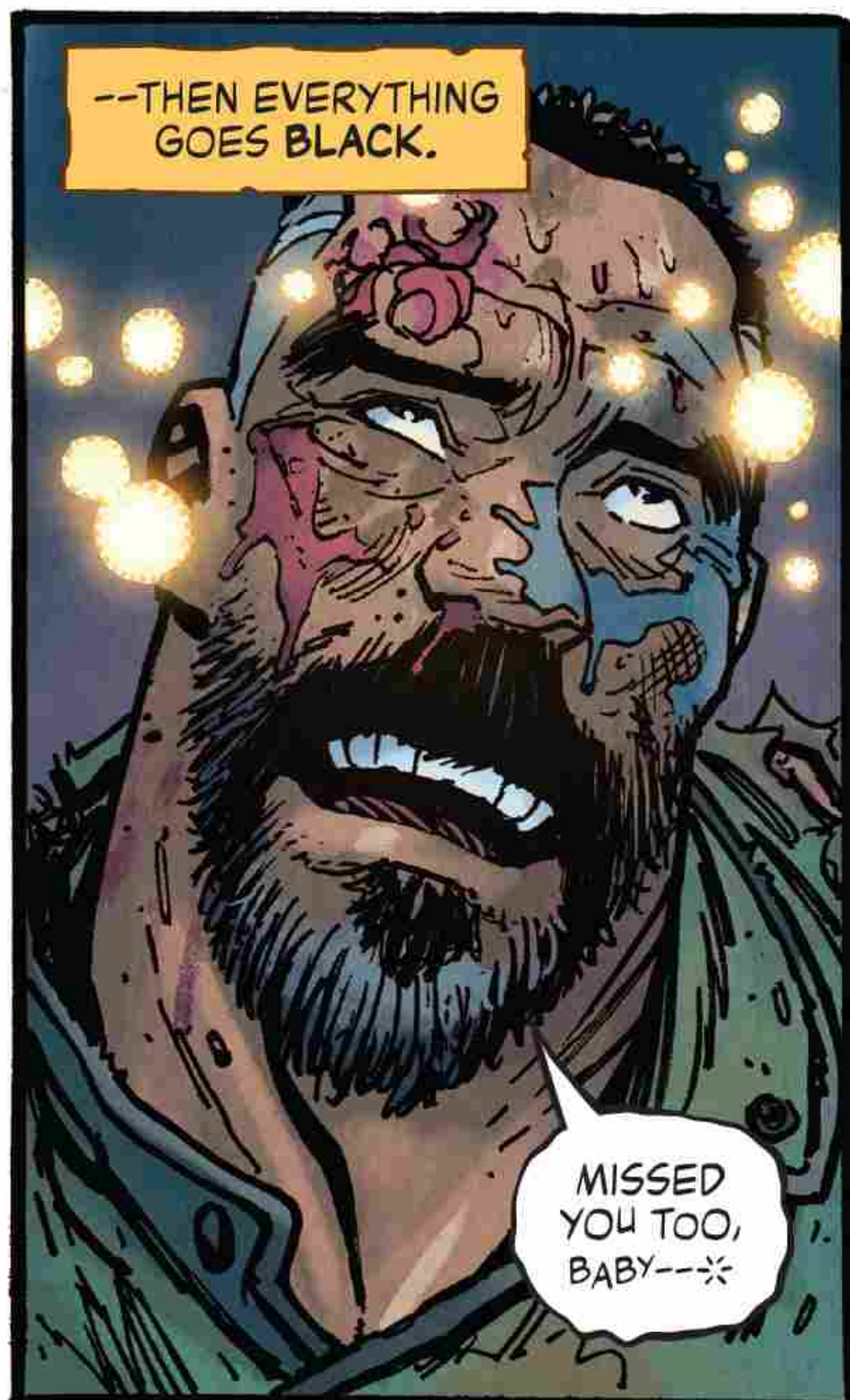


YOU
LOOK LIKE
SHIT. SMELL
LIKE IT,
TOO.

WHAT
THE HELL
HAPPENED?

AND
WHERE'S OUR
DAUGHTER?

MY HEART
SKIPS A BEAT
WHEN I SEE
HER--



--THEN EVERYTHING
GOES BLACK.

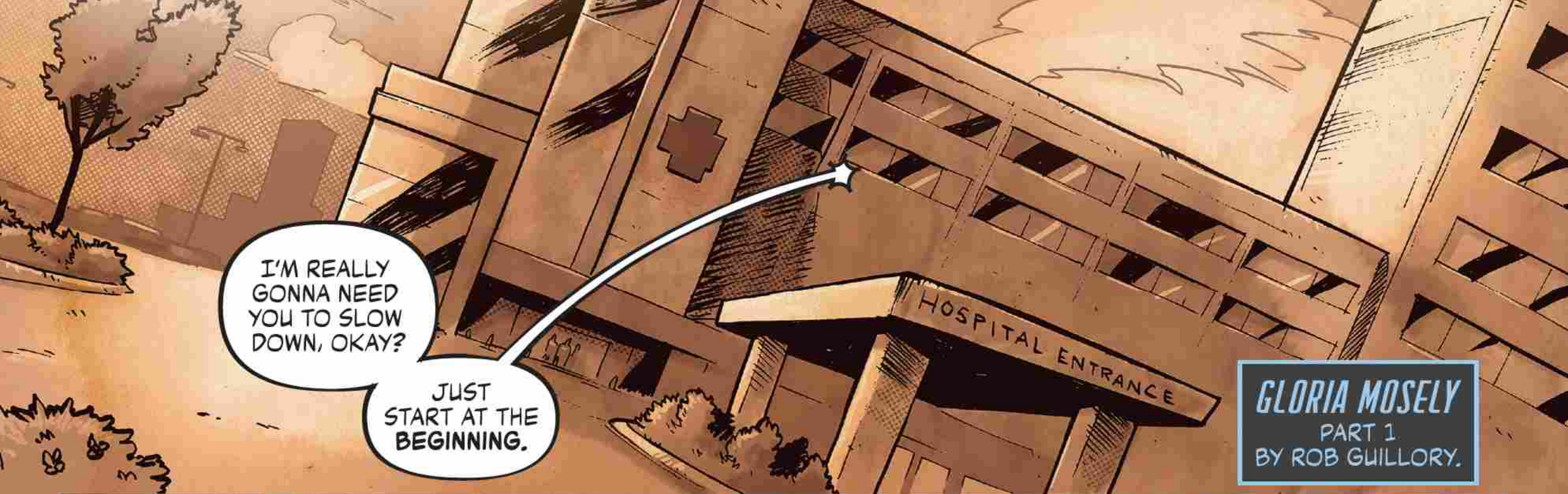
MISSED
YOU TOO,
BABY--*



OH,
MARVIN...

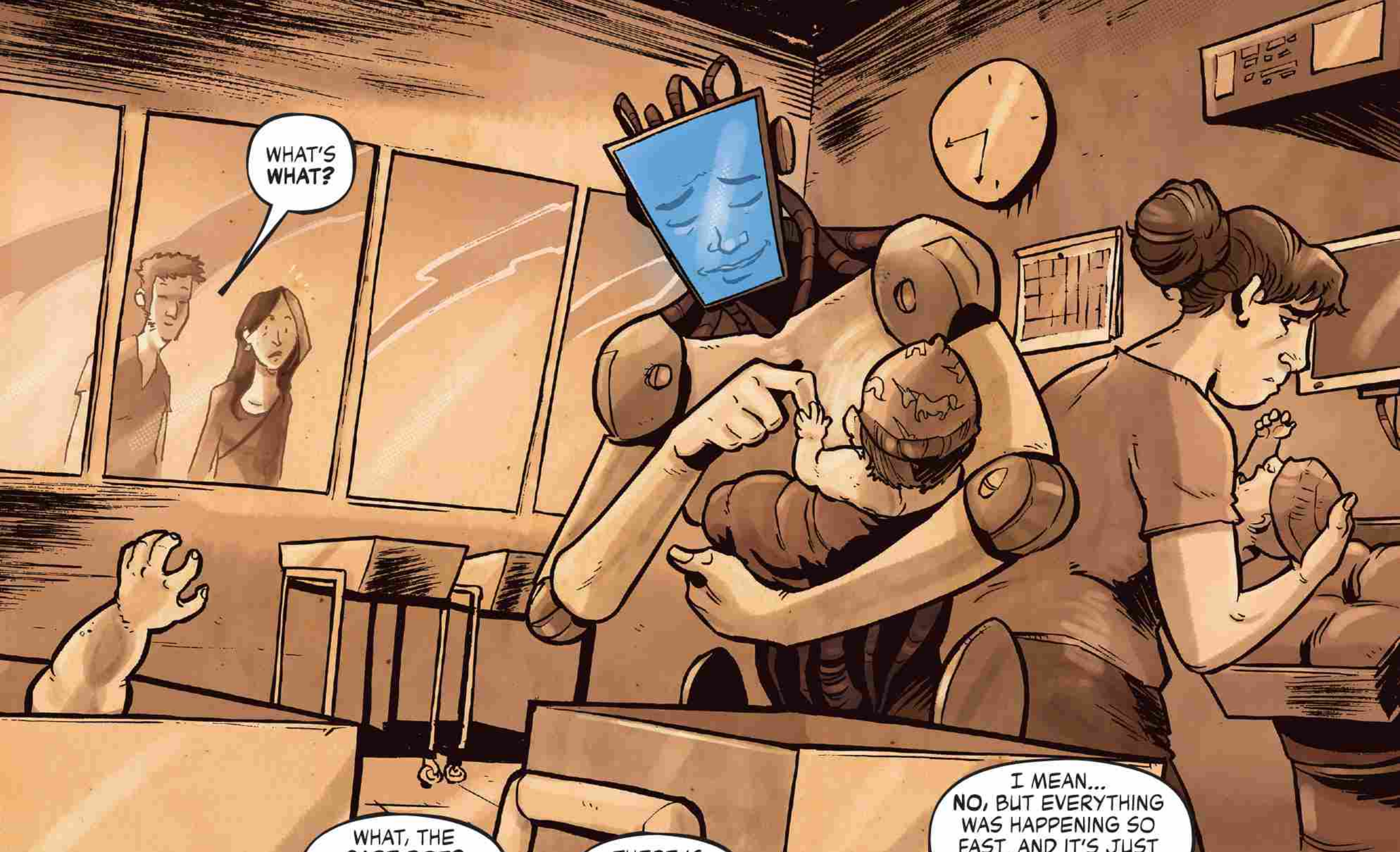
WHAT'RE YOU
DRAGGING ME
INTO THIS
TIME?

TO BE CONTINUED...



GLORIA MOSELY
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BY ROB GUILLORY.





WHAT'S
WHAT?



WHAT, THE
CARE BOT?
HAVEN'T YOU SEEN
ONE BEFORE?
THEY'RE PRETTY
GREAT.

THERE IS
NO WAY STACY
AGREED TO
THIS.



I MEAN...
NO, BUT EVERYTHING
WAS HAPPENING SO
FAST, AND IT'S JUST
TILL SHE GETS OUTTA
SURGERY.

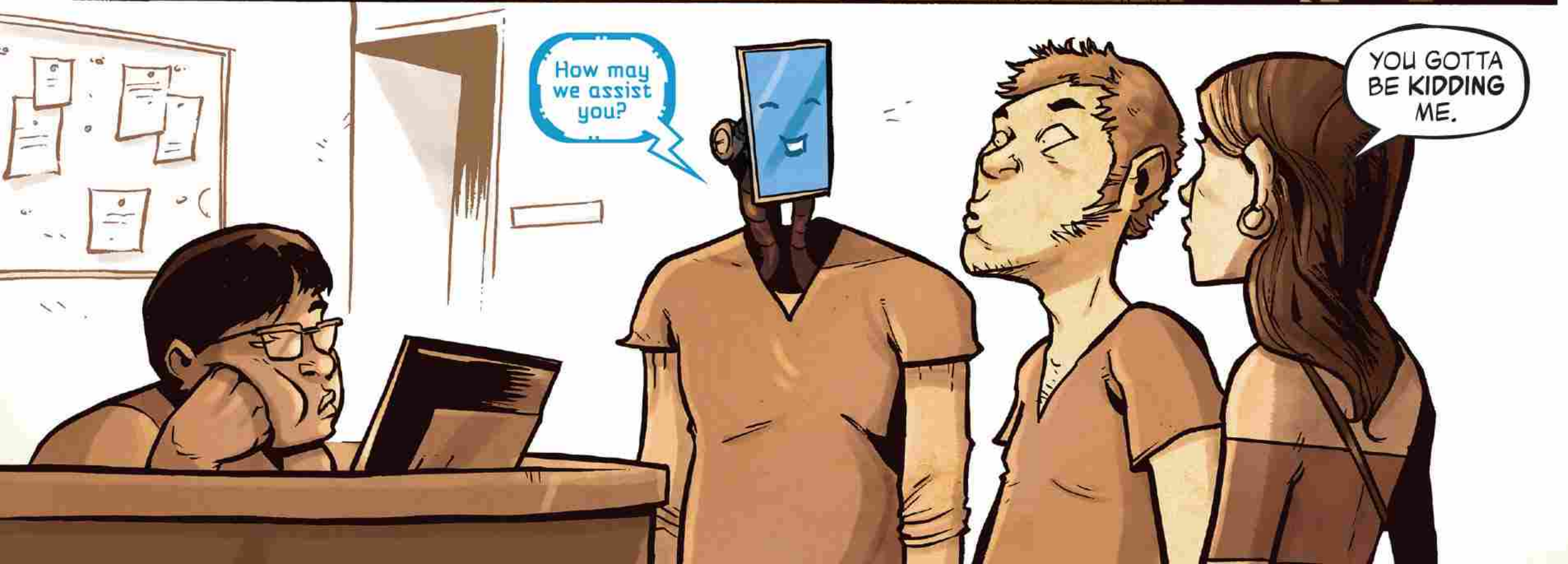
DID...
DID I DO
THE WRONG
THING?

...
HOW YOU
FATHERED A
CHILD IS A
COMPLETE
MYSTERY
TO ME.



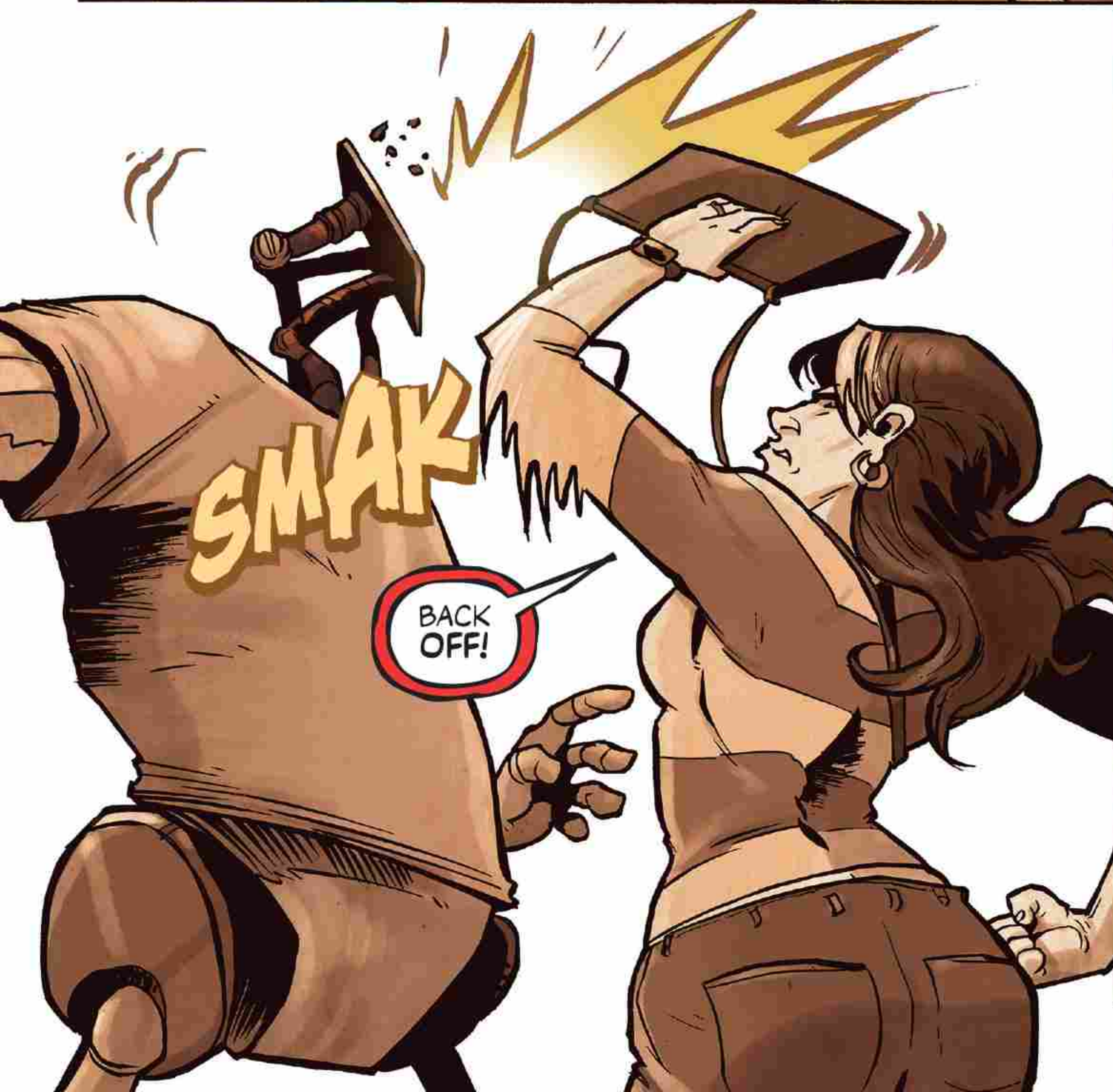
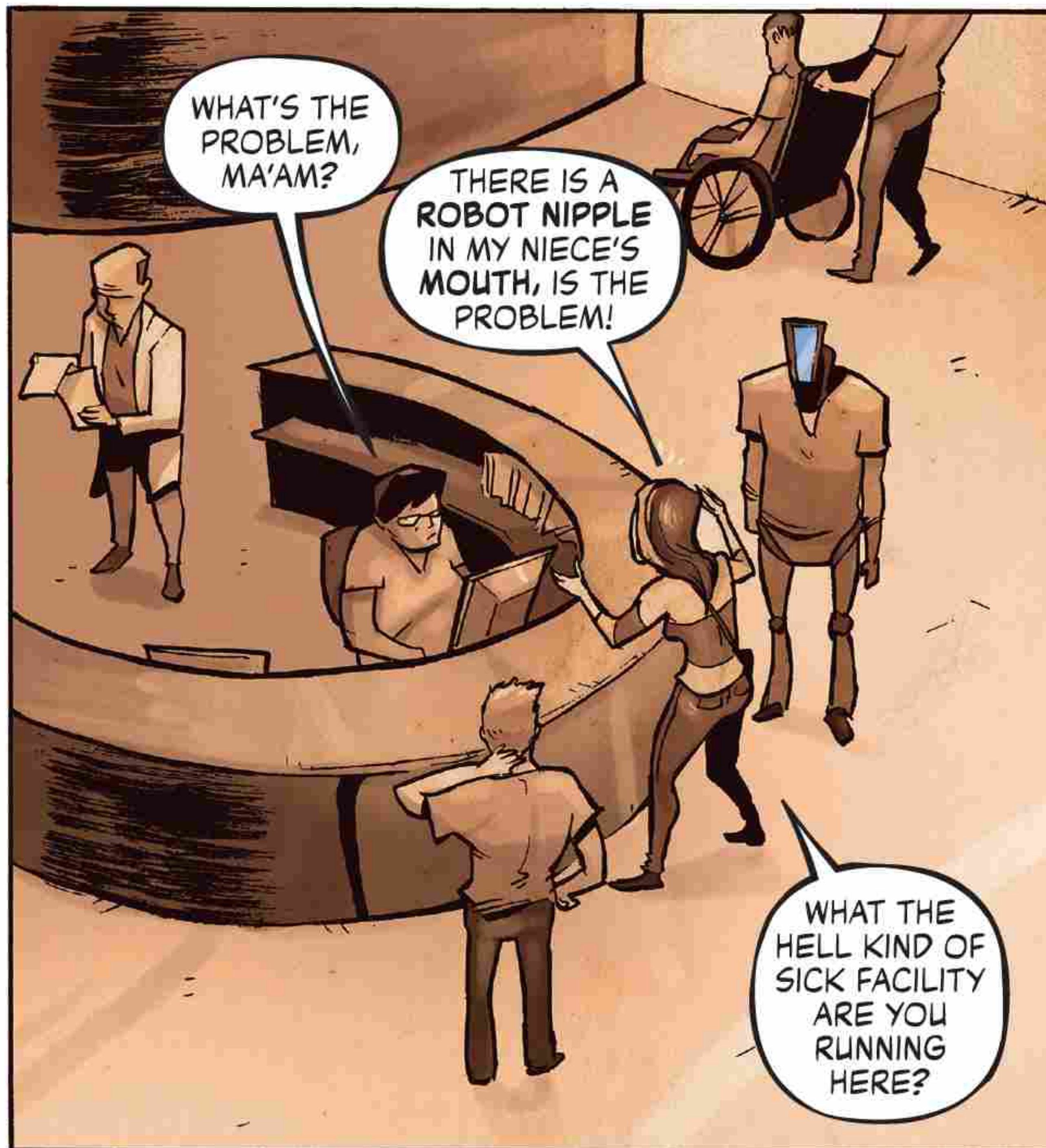
FIX
THIS.
NOW.

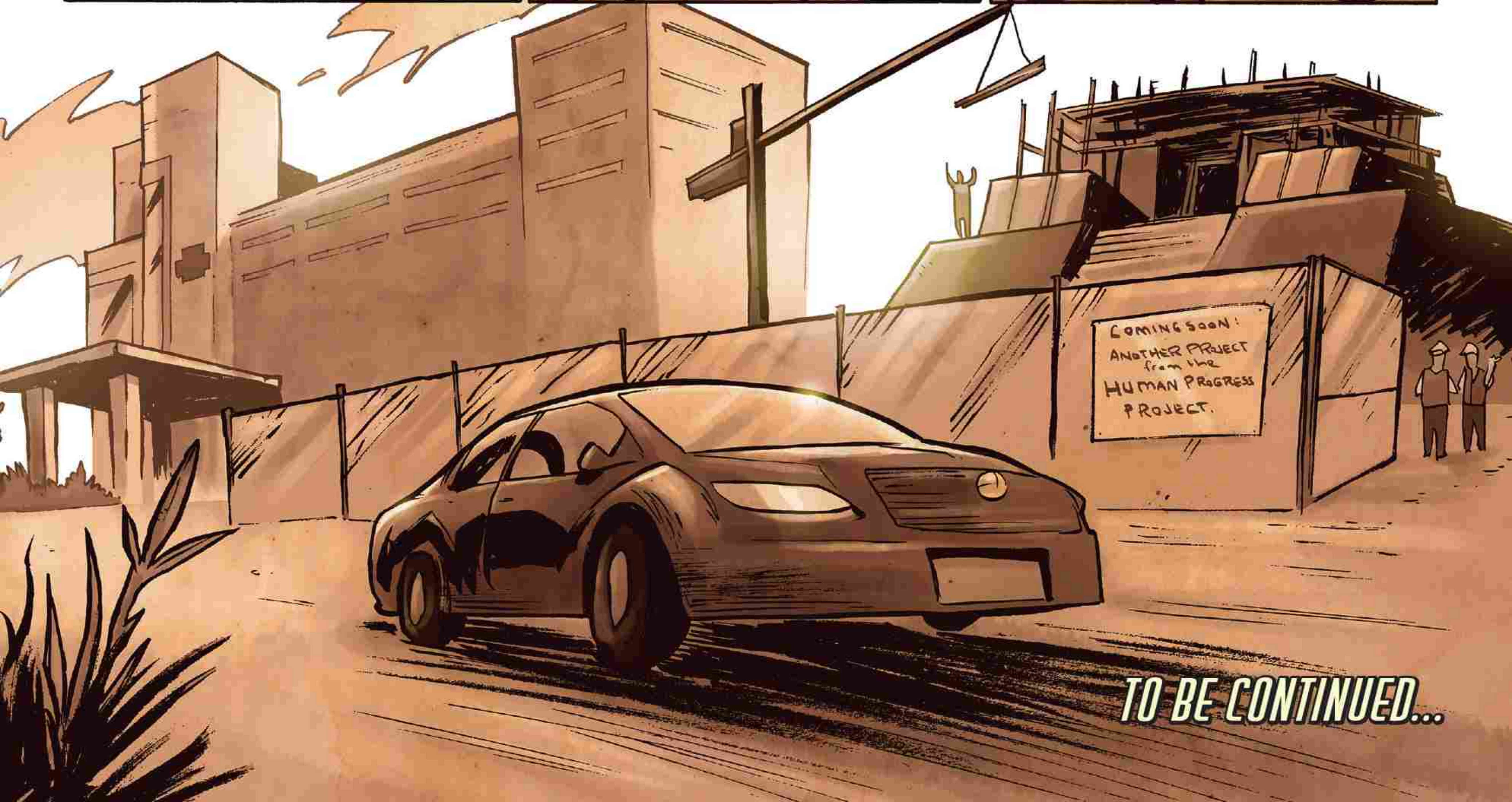
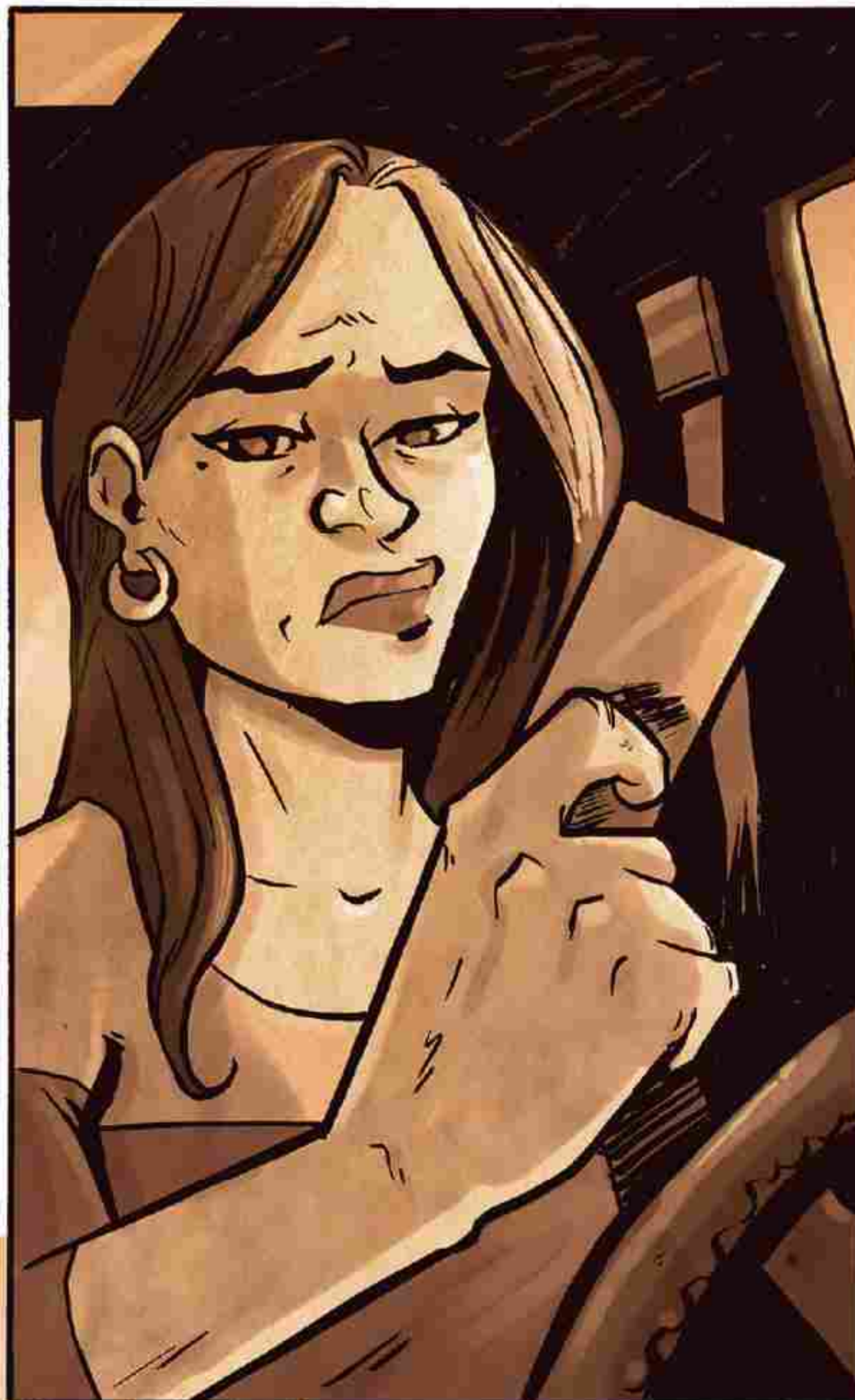
EXCUSE ME,
NURSE! WE
COULD USE
SOME HEL--



How may
we assist
you?

YOU GOTTA
BE KIDDING
ME.





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Thank you!

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"THIS FAN...
THIS MONSTER!"

